

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, please replace the last paragraph with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Such cooled pistons having an oil inlet are known, for example, from the patents U.S. 3,221,718, ~~JP 59-27109~~ JP 59-27119, PCT/DE94/01375, and DE 37 33 964 C2. The oil inlets used as catch funnels for cooling oil that is dispensed from an oil spraying nozzle connected with the engine housing have inner walls that are configured to be funnel-shaped, cylindrical, oval, or in the form of a Venturi jet, viewed from the free interior of the piston, in the direction of the cooling duct. In order to achieve better distribution, in the cooling duct, of the cooling oil captured in this manner, additional stream dividers are inserted into the wall of the cooling duct, which lie opposite the exit surface of the oil inlet.--